Orang-Mazbat-Rupa road

1209. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked by NEC for improvement and repair of Orang-Mazbat-Rupa road in Assam area;

(b) whether Orang-Dalgaon road will be taken up for improvement and construction of bridge during the Eleventh Five Year Plan by NEC; and

(c) whether any proposal from Assam PWD in connection with the above road has been received by NEC?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) NEC had released Rs. 1192.80 lakhs for improvement of Orang-Mazbat-Rupa road in Assam. A total of Rs. 83.85 lakhs has been provided for repair of this road during the Tenth Five Year Plan including Rs. 25.00 lakhs released during 2005-06.

(b) and (c) Only the Concept Paper of the proposal has been received by NEC. However, formulation of the Eleventh Plan is yet to be taken-up.

Appraisal of NEC projects

1210. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SFC appraisal of some NEC projects was done at the level of Secretary, North Eastern Council;

(b) if so, the number of such projects;

(c) whether approval has been accorded by him to all such projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the details of all the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. Appraisal of projects costing from Rs. 5 crore to less than Rs. 15 crore is delegated to the SFC chaired by Secretary, North Eastern Council.

(b) SFC chaired by Secretary, NEC has so far appraised forty-three projects.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Secretary, NEC is not the competent authority to approve projects costing more than Rs. 5 crores. Twenty-five of the forty-three projects appraised by SFC chaired by Secretary, NEC have been approved by the competent authority and the process of obtaining approval for one project has been completed. In regard to the balance seventeen projects (17), NEC Secretariat is in the process of completing the formalities for appraisal, including consultation with Line Ministries concerned and the Planning Commission. The list of these seventeen projects is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

List of projects pending for completing the formalities for appraisal

Sl.No.	Name of the Projects	Project Cost in Rs. lakh
1.	Kaunejyru-Nari-Koyu-Saren Road in Arunachal Pradesh.	893.54
2.	East West Highway, Arunachal Pradesh	682.97
3.	Saitual-Daido-Bukpul Road in Manipur & Mizoram	806.43
4.	Tezu Airport, Arunachal Pradesh	1421.00
5.	Inter-state Bus Terminal Building at Guwahati, Assam	1499.00
6.	Improvement of Existing Infrastructural Facilities in NEPA, Umsaw, Meghalaya	674.00
7.	Establishment of Breeder Seed Potato Farm at Regional Potato Farm, Mao,Manipur	660.00
8.	Construction of Gaglacherra Bridge over river Katakhal (Bridge) No. 1/1 on Lal-Silcher Road including approaches (7 KM Length) in Assam	1338.00
9.	132 KV Central Sub-Station at Melriat in Mizoram.	1244.00
10.	132/33 KV, 2 x 31.5 MVA Sub-Station along with 2.14 Kms Lilo at Silchar in Assam.	1068.00
11.	Construction of Inter State Bus & Truck Terminus at Mokokchung, Nagaland	750.30
12.	Construction of Inter State Bus Terminus at Kohima, Nagaland	912.27
13.	Construction of Inter State Bus Terminus at Tarajan, Jorhat, Assam	1137.00
14.	Improvement of Airport for operation of 50 Seater Aircraft at Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh.	1468.00
15.	Construction of Institute Building and Residential & Non-Residential Complex of Institute of Co-operative Management, Imphal	680.04

Sl.No.	Name of the Projects	Project Cost in Rs. lakh
16.	Strengthening & Expansion of Technical Activities at NER Regional Institute of Water & Land Management (NERIWALM), Assam	951.57
17.	Support to Referral Hospital, Dimapur, Nagaland	1367.00
	TOTAL	17553.12

National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions

1211. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, if so, the details of its Headquarters and sub-offices, if any;

(b) the functions, powers and its present composition;

(c) whether the Commission enjoys quasi-judicial powers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the authority where an appeal against its orders lies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. It has its Headquarters at Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi and has no sub offices.

(b) The Commission will advise the Central Government or any State Government on any question referred to it pertaining to the education of minorities. It will also look into complaints of deprivation or violation of rights of minorities guaranteed under Article 30 of the Constitution. The Commission is composed of a Chairperson and two members nominated by the Central Government as per the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004.

(c) The Commission enjoys the powers of a civil court trying a suit.

(d) It can accept evidence on affidavit, summon and enforce attendance of witnesses, examine them on oath, compel production of public documents etc.

(e) As in the case of similar Commissions, appeal against its order lies to any High Court or the Supreme Court of India.